

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:370
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
JUVENILES ARRESTED BY DELHI POLICE
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Juveniles arrested and incarcerated by Delhi Police in contravention of the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act;
- (b) the action taken against Delhi Police personnel in such cases;
- (c) whether any new guidelines have been issued in this regard to all States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): There was one case during the current year in which the three persons arrested after robbing a person of his wrist watch stated before the Police and the Jail authorities that their age was 18 years or above but it was later established before the court that two of these persons were in fact below 18 years of age. No action was, therefore, warranted against the police officials concerned as they had acted in good faith.

(c)&(d): The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 which extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu & Kashmir provides, inter-alia, for the establishment of Juvenile Justice Boards and punishment for cruelty to juvenile or child.